

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, April 25, 2007 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Hopgood. (1/19)

Representative Nofs made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Angerer made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS):

Andy Such, representing the Michigan Sustainable Energy Coalition

Don Johns, Executive Director of the Michigan Independent Power Producers Association

James Clift, Policy Director of the Michigan Environmental Council

Trevor Lauer, Vice President of Marketing, DTE Energy

Topics discussed included: definition of RPS; nine core principles of RPS; RPS from a generator's perspective; what renewable energy developers want; what Michigan will gain if renewable generators are encouraged to build in Michigan with RPS; goals of RPS; lower risks for ratepayers in Michigan; DTE renewable energy positions and customer perspective; RPS design considerations; renewable technologies at RPS scale (wind, biomass and solar); and DTE Energy RPS implementation issues. Questions were answered for Committee members.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:32 a.m.

Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr., Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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